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orders were issued in May last directing the abolition of the Panchayat court at Perumbedu and the establishment of a village court in its stead."

Mr. C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar :—"Has the court been established ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—"I cannot say whether the orders have been carried out by the Collector yet."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mulaliyar :—"May I know, Sir, why instead of ordering for another Panchayat court to be established they took the step of having a village court ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—"Because the inhabitants of the locality do not want a panchayat court."

Education

Distribution of grants-in-aid to elementary schoolmasters in Ganjam district.

* 252 Q.—Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) why grants-in-aid given to elementary schoolmasters have not yet been distributed in the district of Ganjam as usual ;

(b) why full grants are not given to these schoolmasters ; and

(c) whether any steps are proposed to be taken to avoid such delay and reduction of grants in future ?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The Government have no information, but have called for a report

Instruction in spinning and weaving in the elementary and secondary schools in Kurnool district.

* 253 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) in how many schools—

(i) secondary,

(ii) higher elementary,

(iii) lower elementary under the management of the District Board or the Taluk Boards or the Municipalities in the Kurnool district spinning and weaving are taught ;

(b) what the capital expenditure on this branch of teaching comes to in the whole of the district ; and

(c) what quantity of material was produced—

(i) as yarn ; and

(ii) as cloth in these institutions during the year 1927–28 ?

A.—(a) As regards secondary schools, the information available with Government shows that weaving is taught in the Municipal Secondary school, Kurnool, and in the Municipal Secondary school and the Municipal Muhammadan Middle school, Nandyal.

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As regards elementary schools, the rules under the Madras Elementary Education Act, 1920, permit the imparting of practical instruction with reference to the chief occupations of the locality subject to the condition that the sanction of the Director of Public Instruction is obtained to such instruction being given in standards below the fourth and that spinning if adopted by itself without provision for weaving should not be taught for more than four hours in a week. There is no information as to the number of elementary schools in the district in which instruction is imparted in spinning or weaving.

(*b*) & (*c*) The particulars required are not available.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know from the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government and Education, with reference to clause (*a*), whether he will be pleased to get the information in regard to the number of schools in which spinning is taught and also in regard to the question whether any application was made to the Director of Public Instruction for exemption from the rule ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Exemption from which rule ? "

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" The rule that instruction in spinning must be confined to four hours in a week ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I will call for the information and supply it to the hon. Member."

Scheme for the Imperial and Provincial Services in the Educational department.

* 254 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased (i) to place before the Council the scheme of Government for the Imperial and Provincial Services of the Educational department, and (ii) to state—

(*a*) what action Government have taken to provide for and compensate men in the Provincial Services who have acted long in the Imperial cadre ; and

(*b*) what provision Government have made or are going to make to encourage young men who have joined the Educational department after having undertaken the risk and spent lot of money in going abroad to better qualify themselves for work in the said department ?

A.—A scheme for the reorganization of the superior Educational Services is under formulation.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I know whether there is any near prospect of the orders of Government being issued in regard to this matter ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I cannot say when exactly orders will be issued on this question of reorganization of superior educational services because we have got to correspond both with the Secretary of State and the Government of India before issuing such orders."